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NASHVILLE-Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Commissioner Michael E. Magill announces a groundbreaking ceremony for the new
TDLWD building in Knoxville.

The new building will house Tennessee Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Labor Standards, Worker's Compensation, and their legal staff, Unemployment Insurance Tax, and the department's One-Stop Comprehensive Career Center. In the past, people had to visit several difficult to access locations for help with TDL&WD services and parking was scarce, but soon Knoxville will be able to go to one convenient, accessible site with plenty of parking. The Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development is working together with the Knoxville Community Development Corporation on this federally funded project.

Commissioner Magill said, "This project will not only make things easier for workers and employers, but by consolidating our three offices into one location, we reduce our square footage and save the state close to \$75,000 a year in rent." Magill went on to say, "The consolidation of our offices into one location has been our goal not only in Knoxville, but with all our One Stop Career Centers across the state of Tennessee. Statewide, the consolidation of our offices has saved the department over \$600,000.00 a year in rent."

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is working together with the Knoxville Community Development Corporation on this federally funded project. KCDC Director Alvin Nance said, "Part of the mission of our Hope VI project is to provide training and job assistance to families participating in the self-sufficiency program. The relocation of the Department of Labor & Workforce Development offices will provide training within walking distance and future job opportunities to residents moving back to Mechanicsville."

Representative Joe Armstrong of Knoxville said, "The groundbreaking is the culmination of the State of Tennessee, the City of Knoxville, and the Mechanicsville community working together to make the Department of Labor and Workforce Development offices easier to access, near the downtown business community, and close to public transportation. This is a win-win situation for everyone."

The new building is expected to be complete in December 2002.

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